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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FAHD FOR KHALID -- SECRETARY'S

TALKS WITH GROMYKO

1. PLEASE CONVEY POINTS BELOW TO FAHD ASKING THAT HE INFORM KING KHALID.
2. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS COMPLETED TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES AND ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND WANTS PRINCE FAHD AND HIS MAJESTY KING KHALID TO BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS.
3. GROMYKO RESTATED THE SOVIET POSITION THAT ALL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, BUT HE SHOWED NO INCLINATION TO OBSTRUCT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS ON A SECOND-STAGE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. THE SECRETARY GAVE HIM A GENERAL PICTURE OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE STILL IN PROGRESS. BECAUSE OUR REASSESSMENT OF POLICY IS STILL UNDERWAY, THE SECRETARY SPOKE ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE PEACE EFFORT INCLUDING THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TALK WITH GREATER CERTAINTY ABOUT

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HOW THAT EFFORT MIGHT PROCEED WHEN PRESIDENT FORD AND

GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV MEET IN HELSINKI ON THE OCCASION OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, PRESUMABLY THE LAST DAYS OF JULY, BY WHICH TIME IT SHOULD BE CLEARER WHETHER A FURTHER AGREEMENT IN SINAI CAN BE ACHIEVED.

4. THE SECRETARY TOLD GROMYKO, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE TIMING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THAT WE HAD ALWAYS SEEN THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH AS A WAY TO HELP REDUCE TENSION AND DEVELOP AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATION OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SYRIAN ASPECT. THE SECRETARY SAID HE FULLY SUPPORTS THE VIEW THAT THIS PROCESS MUST CONTINUE.

5. IN SHORT, WHILE GROMYKO CONTINUED TO PRESS IN PRINCIPLE FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, HE SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO WORK THROUGH OUR PRESENT COURSE.

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